

# the TROY MUSEUM GUILD

## NEWSLETTER

November 1978

### YOU MISSED A GOOD ONE

If you did not attend the October 18, 1978 luncheon meeting of the Guild you missed a good one! The Sunday Guides sponsored the meeting and provided a fantastic array of delicious food. The 20 people who attended voted on programs for the 1979 calendar year. Four group tours will be held for Guild members next year. The four places chosen were:

Stone School (Adams Road at South Blvd.)  
Cranbrook (Science Inst. & Planetarium)  
Detroit (Historical Museum, Art Institute,  
or Church tour)  
Romeo (Houses and shops)

Information on date, time, and cost of each tour will be given prior to departure. We will go with only two or three members or as many as forty. Tours will be offered in January, April, June, and September next year.

Three training sessions will also be offered next year for all Guild members. Margaret Freiwald, Peg Ayers, Jeanine Jensen, and Joe Howey will develop a training manual which should be of great help to all tour guides. Formal training sessions will provide information so you can feel more comfortable about the background of the Museum and Historic Village. Many Guild members have requested more information on our artifacts and other items they are questioned about. Training sessions will be scheduled for February, May, and October in 1979. You won't want to miss these classes because they will make your job a lot easier and you more knowledgeable.

In addition to the tours, training classes, and luncheons being planned for next year, three lectures will also be offered. The following individuals received the most votes from the Guild members:

Robert Bowen, Director of Cranbrook's  
Institute of Science

Solan Weeks, Director of Detroit Historical  
Museum

Richard Frank, Architect for moving and  
restoring the Caswell House

Arrangements are being made by the Museum staff for the lectures and when confirmations are received you will be notified. Lectures will be held in March, July, and November.

Guild members attending the luncheon were delighted that such an exciting and eventful year was being planned by Peg Ayers and the Museum staff. 1979 will be a year hard to beat - Peg will even make sure a calendar is issued to all Guild members so you can plan a whole year ahead. Those attending the October 1978 luncheon are listed below and if your name is missing won't you join us in December?

Peg Ayers  
Virginia Bollinger  
Bea Gladson  
Alison Nunney  
Thelma Holdburg  
Alice Tucker  
Irene Connors  
Joy Roberts  
Dee Mitchell  
Margaret Freiwald

Richard Drue  
Morris Wattles  
Joe Howey  
Bernie Haag  
Joan Price  
Doris Lembach  
Mary Meyers  
Lena Anderson  
Muriel Gordon  
Bernice Munneke

### PRE-ELECTRIC LIGHTING DISPLAY EXCELLENT

With great reluctance (and an equal amount of fear), Beverly Garside agreed to help out with Museum displays while a new Curator was being sought. If you have seen the current exhibit you will know that Bev had nothing to worry about! Among the "best ever" exhibitions we have had, her pre-electric lighting display has attracted attention of everyone including the Tribune, Eccentric, and Oakland Press. Come see Bev's beautiful work. It will be at the Museum until November 17, 1978.

This very special exhibit features lamps, lanterns, and other lighting devices which were commonly used in the days before electricity.



Items are from the private collection of Muriel Darga, Virginia Bollinger, Peg Ayers, Shirley Goalsby, Jack Grates, Kay Michaels, Virginia Simpson, and of course Beverly Garside. There are over 80 unique and interesting items for you to enjoy. Candle holders, candle snuffers and candle trimmers are included along with lamps of brass, pewter, glass, enamel, and porcelain. Among the unique show pieces are: a Bijou Theatre lantern, perfume lamps, a banquet lamp, black amethyst candlesticks used at Old Fort Wayne, a "hog scrapper" candlestick, and whale oil lamps.

Beverly Garside has done a remarkable job on this display and deserves all the credit. Bev is a very talented lady and a Museum volunteer of whom we are all very proud. Commendations on her fine workmanship were made at a recent meeting of the Troy Historical Commission.

#### HELP NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S WEEK

Sign up now to give guided tours during "Childrens' Week at the Museum" which is December 10 through December 15 this year. Peg Ayers, Thelma Holdburg, Morris Wattles, Bea Gladson, Doris Lembach, Muriel Darga and Virginia Bollinger have already volunteered. Your help is needed too. Remember last year we had over 600 school children attend! Four groups have already signed up to take tours which includes over 100 children and we do not have publicity out yet! Help us touch the hearts and minds of the youngsters. This is your opportunity to help us get the word out that the Troy Museum is a valuable community resource and kids will love it. Call today to add your name to the list of concerned volunteers (689-9178). Even if you can only spare an hour or two please call Peg or Muriel.

#### "HANGING OF THE GREENS" BEING PLANNED

On November 13, 1978 at 1:00 p.m. the Planning Committee for our annual "Hanging of the Greens" program will meet to finalize the plans. All interested Guild members are invited to attend. We anticipate several hundred people that day and your help is needed to make it a success. We will sing Christmas carols with Gladys Nancarrow at the piano and we will sponsor an old fashioned tree trimming party for the children. Refreshments will be served and Lena Anderson's piano students

will furnish music throughout the day. It will be held on December 3, 1978 so mark your calendar today. Richard Drue may even be coaxed to play "Santa" again this year. All Museum facilities will be open for public viewing that day too. See you there!

#### DECEMBER DISPLAYS - WITH YOUR HELP

Beverly Garside is planning more exhibits for November and December. She is particularly interested in finding music boxes, musical instruments, and childrens' items. If you have any of these items or know of anyone else who does please notify the Museum office or Bev (644-8573). Bev would like to put together an exhibit that would be appealing to children as well as adults. Antique musical instruments will be displayed and we hope to have background music on tape to help enliven the display. This technique was used successfully when we displayed Hazel Schubert's beautiful African artifacts a while back. We will be putting the displays up during the week of November 20th so please give us a call as soon as possible.

#### CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON FOR GUILD MEMBERS

A special Christmas luncheon for all Guild members is being planned for December 20, 1978. It will be held at 12:00 noon in the Museum Meeting room. Members of the Historical Commission (Jeanine Jensen, Virginia Bollinger, Thelma Holdburg, Bill Price, and Ken Henning) and the Museum staff are sponsoring the luncheon in appreciation of all the work you have done. More information will be in next month's Newsletter.

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